

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday January 5th 2003**

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## **QSLs for Russia and Ukraine**

PO Box 462 Manager, Mike, EI2CL would like to remind members concerned, when sending bundles of QSL cards to the IRTS, that it is necessary to always separate cards destined for Kazakhstan, Russia and Ukraine.

Despite any difficulty in identifying the country on the basis of the call sign, it is strongly recommended that it be done and written on the QSL in all cases. Do not leave it to someone else to do it. Since the break-up of the USSR at the end of 1991, new QSL bureau for most of the "new" republics have been established and, in the circumstances, cards sent to the wrong country cause unnecessary work and considerable expense for the societies involved.

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## **Foundation Course**

The Foyle and District Amateur Radio Club situated between Strabane and Derry in Tyrone will be continuing to offer the UK amateur radio foundation course in the new year and the club hopes to offer the intermediate course soon.

To date the group have had around forty people take and pass the course and exam, most going on to gain MI3 call signs. Some candidates from the republic have also taken the course as an introduction to amateur radio and have found it to be of great benefit. The course is normally run on two consecutive Saturdays with an exam on the following Tuesday. If anybody is interested in doing this course please contact Aidan MacIntyre EI2FPB on 087 2495492 or e-mail [aidan.mcintyre@lyit.ie](mailto:aidan.mcintyre@lyit.ie).

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## **Tipperary Amateur Radio Group**

The Group members and their partners had a good nights entertainment at the annual Christmas party held at Raheen House Hotel, Clonmel on the 21st December with ceol agus craic until the small hours.

This months meeting is on Thursday next at the Princess Bar, Upper Irishtown, Clonmel.

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## **South Eastern Amateur Radio Group**

The night classes will continue at the Park House, Parnell Street, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford at 7.15 p.m. on Monday the 6th of January.

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## **Radio Communications Foundation**

At the recent AGM of the Radio Society of Great Britain, the Society's President Bob Whelan, G3PJT, announced the launch of the "Radio Communications Foundation". This is the organisation by which the RSGB will channel all its work in the area of education and training, and will support the promotion of amateur radio to the wider audience.

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## **Contest & DX News**

8N1OGA will be QRV until January the 31st from the rare DXCC entity of the Ogasawara Islands to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Japan Amateur Radio League.

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## **Radio News**

Please note that the deadline for submitting to the radio news is 12 noon on Fridays. Input has been scarce in recent weeks and listeners are encouraged to forward items to for announcement on the news. The IRTS looks forward to your support over the coming year.

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Items for inclusion in the Radio News should be forwarded to Mark Wall EI7IS at QTHR or via e-mail [cyberis@vodafone.ie](mailto:cyberis@vodafone.ie). Items can also be sent to Mark over the phone at 087-6302026 or by fax at 087-5-6302026.

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